“Grove is a community of committed students, staff, and parents who are dedicated to providing a student-centered education for every child. We are focused on creating an environment of high standards that fosters both academically prepared and socially/emotionally developed citizens. Through the promotion of student passions, Grove supports and develops individuals who will positively participate, lead and impact a global society. Grove is founded in many long-standing traditions of enthusiasm for learning and excellence, paired with innovation and continuous growth, making our school a beloved home to students, staff and families!”

Katie Matthews, Principal
Laura Boskelly, Assistant Principal

School History
Grove Avenue Elementary is one of eight elementary schools in the Barrington 220 School District, serving grades K-5. The school opened in 1954, as the “baby boom” took effect and more schools were needed in the Barrington area to accommodate the growing number of students. The school originally served grades K-6. Since 1992, Grove staff members have made three visits to Washington, DC to accept the national Blue Ribbon Award.

Academics & Student Support
CORE CONTENT AREAS
Art, English Language Arts, Mathematics, Music, Physical Education and Health, Science, Social Studies

INNOVATIVE & ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS
Extended Reading and Math, Family Reading Program, Fresh INC, Library Literacy and Media, Spanish Dual Language, STEM SPARK pilot school

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING PROGRAMS
Mindfulness, Positive Behavior and Supports (PBS), Second Step

Fast Facts
• Niche ranking: A+ and 3rd Best Public Elementary School in IL
• Ranked in Top 20 Best Elementary Schools in Cook County (Chicago Magazine)
• One-to-World iPad per student
• Total Enrollment: 523
• Student/Teacher Ratio: 16:1

Affiliations & Recognitions
• IL PE Blue Ribbon Award: 2019-2024
• Exemplary School Reading Award: 2007, 2013 (International Reading Association)
• Let’s Move! Active Schools National Award: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
• 2017 Best Attendance in Lake County Attendance Week Contest
• Rated one of America’s Best Schools by Redbook Magazine
• 1 National Board Certified Teacher
• 2 Golden Apple Teachers of Distinction
• Member of IESA - Illinois Elementary School Association

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Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) Results

All students are assessed with the IAR in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Grove students perform well above the state average.

Local Assessment & Test Scores

Grove assesses all students in winter and spring with the NWEA MAP test in the areas of Reading and Mathematics. Students in Barrington perform well above the national average (the 50th percentile).

Extracurricular Activities

- Art Club
- Band
- Barrington 220 Speech Tournament
- Book Club
- Boys Basketball
- Chess Club
- Choir
- Cross Country
- Girls Basketball
- Student Council
- Study Club
- Maker Breaker Club
- Orchestra
- Running Club
- Spirit Squad
- STEM Club
- Tae Kwon Do
- Track & Field